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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEW BUILDING.

THE present number of the MAGAZINE has been much delayed on account of the proposition which was made to the Council of the Society, immediately after the last number was issued, that the Society should purchase the mansion so long occupied by the late General Robert Patterson, situated at the corner of Thirteenth and Locust Streets. The opportunity which was thus afforded for the Society to obtain a building of its own was too advantageous not to be embraced, and prompt exertions were made to secure the money required. All other work was suspended, and hence a delay to which we believe no true friend of the Society will object.

The offer first made was for ninety-six feet on Locust and one hundred and twenty on Thirteenth Street, a portion of which lot was occupied by the mansion, which can be well adapted to the uses of the Society. The price asked was fifty thousand dollars, and so favorably was the proposition received, and so promptly were the replies made to the appeal of the Society, that the Council felt justified in asking the refusal of an additional lot of twenty-nine feet on Locust, so as to secure ample space for the future, and an abundance of light and air. In doing this they had the support of many of the largest contributors to the scheme, and of the sum required to make the entire purchase ($62,500 for 120 by 125 feet), $59,145 has been secured. It was composed of three hundred and thirty-three subscriptions, which, at the present time (March 20), are as follows:—

1	subscription	of	$2000	$2,000
19	"	"	1000	19,000
30	"	"	500	15,000
4	"	"	300	1,200
24	"	"	250	6,000
9	"	"	200	1,800
98	"	"	100	9,800
44	"	"	50	2,200
1	"	"	30	30
62	"	"	25	1,550
14	"	"	20	280
3	"	"	15	45
24	"	"	10	240
333				$59,145

The Trustees of the building have paid the balance required to complete the purchase, and the property now belongs to the Historical Society.

To place the building in a condition to be occupied, and to give the requisite fire-proof accommodation and an auditorium, at least $10,000 more is needed. Neither the Council nor the Building Committee can be expected to importune the public for this sum. It should be furnished by voluntary subscriptions, and, as the subscriptions already made have come from less than one-half of the members, it is earnestly hoped that all interested will now render what assistance may be convenient to them.

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